nad village, and if such fact comes to the knowledge of the Government, then this subsidy will be given to him.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—After receiving this question, did the Government ascertain whether any private practitioner would be willing to go and settle down at Elanad?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Patticad is a malarial tract. There was already one private practitioner, and when the Government came to know of it, they opened an aided dispensary there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Patticad is far far away from Elanad.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I make a reference to Patticad simply as an illustration. There was one private practitioner there, and when the Government came to know of it, they opened an aided dispensary there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Supposing any private practitioner is coming forward and informs the Government that he would settle down at Elanad, would the Government give him this subsidy?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There should be in the first instance a private practitioner settled there.

President.—That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Therefore, we are not to expect anything in the near future.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is given there. 'Not likely'.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Yes, the answer is 'not likely'.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No, no. Unless a medical man comes forward with the request for the subsidy, we may not open any private dispensary there.

Issue of reminders to Heads of Departments.

138. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the Department to which the largest number of reminders were sent by Government in 1103 and the Department which comes next; the Department to which the least number of reminders were sent and the number of reminders sent to each of the above three in 1103?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The collection of the information required would involve considerable time and labour and the Government consider that no useful purpose will be served thereby.

Delay in Disposals.

139. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the time usually allowed to Heads of Departments for replying to communications sent by the Huzur before sending reminders;

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